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REFS: (A) GENEVA 11453; (B) STATE 168317; (C) STATE 168316

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSIES TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS
RECOMMENDED BY USDEL REF A., UNLESS EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH
ACTION WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. YOU SHOULD NOTE, AS

APPROPRIATE, THAT USG CANNOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION THAT WORKING GROUP HAS NOT MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS OR HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS TASK IN VIEW OF THE MANY CONCESSIONS MADE BY USG IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A BROAD CONSENSUS ON SUBSTANCE WHICH WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKING GROUP.

2. FOR COPENHAGEN: DANISH REP IN WORKING GROUP, MICHAEL LUNN, WAS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND WE EXPECT HE WOULD CONFIRM THE CONSENSUS OF THE WORKING GROUP THAT IT HAS COMPLETED ITS TASK.

3. FOR ROME: YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT USG IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT GOI OPPOSITION TO A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS MATTER AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MOVE TO A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. FOR BONN: AS CURRENT SPOKESMAN FOR EC, FRG MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON EC POSITION. UNFORTUNATELY, FRG HAS NEVER BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN GERMAN SUPPORT FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE IN 1980. YOU CAN REFER TO INDICATIONS GIVEN USDEL BY FRG REP (GENEVA 11237) THAT FRG COULD SUPPORT 1980 IF THIS REFLECTED CONSENSUS. WE BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE NO
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DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUCH A CONSENSUS IN EC IF FRG WOULD SUPPORT IT. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT SECRETARY OF TREASURY BLUMENTHAL RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH FINANCE MINISTER MATTHOEFER AT BONN SUMMIT AND FOUND HIM SUPPORTIVE. MATTHOEFER REQUESTED U.S. RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE FRG MIGHT PROCEED TO ACT AGAINST BRIBERY. IT COULD BE USEFUL TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH MATTHOEFER AND SAY THAT ONE STEP FRG CAN TAKE NOW IS TO SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT ECOSOC CONVENE A CONFERENCE IN 1980 TO ADOPT AN AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. TREASURY IS PREPARING ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR MATTHOEFER WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED IN DUE COURSE.

5. FOR PARIS: WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT FRENCH INTERVENTIONS AT GENEVA HAVE BEEN HELPFUL ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT FRANCE HAS SUPPORTED ITALIAN POSITION IN PRIVATE EC COUNCILS. WE MAY WISH TO CALL UPON GOF FOR FURTHER HELP BUT ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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